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In re application of :  
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METHOD FOR OPERATING A STRIP  
CASTING MACHINE FOR PRODUCING A  
METAL STRIP AND DEVIE FOR CARRYING  
OUT SAID METHOD

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